

SYRTIS. *n. f.* [Latin.] A quick sand; a bog.
A boggy *syrtis*, neither sea, nor good dry land. *Milton.*
SYSTEM. *n. f.* [*systeme*, Fr. *συστημα*.]

1. Any complexure or combination of many things acting together.
2. A scheme which reduces many things to regular dependence or co-operation.
3. A scheme which unites many things in order.

Aristotle brings morality into *system*, by treating of happiness under heads, and ranges it in classes according to its different objects, distinguishing virtues into their several kinds which had not been handled systematically before. *Baker.*

The best way to learn any science is to begin with a regular *system*, or a short and plain scheme of that science well drawn up into a narrow compass. *Watts.*

SYSTEMATICAL. *adj.* [*systematique*, Fr. *συστηματικός*; from *system*.] Methodical; written or formed with regular subordination of one part to another.

It will be necessary, in a discourse about the formation of

the world, to give you a brief account of some of the most principal and *systematical* phenomena that occur in it. *Bentley.*
Now we deal much in essays, and unreasonably despise *systematical* learning; whereas our fathers had a just value for regularity and systems. *Watts.*

SYSTEMATICALLY. *adv.* [from *systematical*.] In form of a system.

I treat of the usefulness of writing books of essay, in comparison of that of writing *systematically*. *Boyle.*

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SYSTOLE. *n. f.* [*syssole*, Fr. *συστολή*.]

1. [In anatomy.] The contraction of the heart.
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The *syssole* resembles the forcible bending of a spring, and the diastole its flying out again to its natural size. *Rev.*

[*Systoles*, French.] In Grammar, the shortening of a long syllable.



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A consonant, which, at the beginning and end of words, has always the same sound nearly approaching to the *d*; but before an *i*, when followed by a vowel, has the sound of an oblique: as, *nation*, *salvation*, except when it precedes *t*: as, *Christian*, *question*.

TABBY. *n. f.* [*tabi*, *tabino*, Italian; *tabis*, French.] A kind of waved silk.

Brocades, and *tabies*, and *gaufes*. *Swift.*

TABBY. *adj.* Brindled; brindled; varied with different colours.

A *tabby* cat fat in the chimney-corner. *Addison.*

On her *tabby* rival's face, *Prior.*

She deep will mark her new disgrace.

TABERNACLE. *n. f.* [*tabernaculo*, Latin.] The act of waiving away.

To *TABERNACLE*. *v. n.* [*tabernaculo*, Latin.] To waste; to be extenuated by disease. In the following example it is improperly a verb active.

Meat eaten in greater quantity than is convenient *tabernacles* the body. *Harvey on Consumptions.*

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To see him every hour; to sit and draw
His arched brows, his hawking eye, his curls,
In our hearts *table*. *Shakespeare.*

All these true notes of immortality
In our heart's *table* we shall written find. *Davies.*

I prepar'd to pay in verses rude
A most detested act of gratitude:

Ev'n this had been your elegy which now
Is offer'd for your health, the *table* of my vow. *Dryden.*

There are books extant which the atheist must allow of as
proper evidence; even the mighty volumes of visible nature,
and the everlasting *table* of right reason; wherein if they do
not willfully shut their eyes, they may read their own folly
written by the finger of God in a much plainer and more
terrible sentence, than Belshazzar's was by the hand upon the
wall. *Bentley's Sermons.*

Among the Romans, the judge or prætor granted admini-
stration, not only according to the *tables* of the testament,
but even contrary to those *tables*. *Ayliffe's Parergon.*

By the twelve *tables*, only those were called into succession
of their parents that were in the parent's power. *Ayliffe.*

6. [*Tableau*, Fr.] A picture, or any thing that exhibits a view
of any thing.

I never lov'd myself,
Till now, infixed, I beheld myself
Drawn in the flatt'ring *table* of her eye. *Shakespeare.*

His Jalyus or Bacchus he so esteemed, that he had rather
lose all his father's images than that *table*. *Peacham.*

Saint Anthony has a *table* that hangs up to him from a
poor peasant, who fancied the saint had saved his neck. *Addison.*

7. An index; a collection of heads; a catalogue; a syllabus.

It might seem impertinent to have added a *table* to a book
of so small a volume, and which seems to be itself but a *ta-
ble*: but it may prove advantageous at once to learn the whole
culture of any plant. *Evelyn's Kalender.*

Their learning reaches no farther than the *tables* of con-
tents. *Watts.*

3. A synopsis; many particulars brought into one view.

I have no images of ancestors,
Wanting an ear, or nose; no forged *tables*
Of long descents, to boast false honours from. *B. Johnson.*

9. The palm of the hand.

Mistress of a fairer *table*
Hath not history nor *table*. *Benj. Johnson.*

10. Draughts; small pieces of wood shifted on squares.

When he plays at *table*, chides the dice. *Shakespeare.*

We are in the world like men playing at *table*; the chance
is not in our power, but to play it, is; and when it is fallen
we must manage it as we can. *Taylor.*

11. To turn the *TABLES*. To change the condition or fortune
of two contending parties: a metaphor taken from the vicis-
situde of fortune at gaming tables.

They that are honest would be arrant knaves if the *tables*
were turned. *L'Estrange.*

If it be thus, the *tables* would be turned upon me; but I
should only fall in my vain attempt. *Dryden.*

To *TABLE*. *v. n.* [from the noun.] To board; to live at the
table of another.

He lost his kingdom, was driven from the society of men
to *table* with the beasts, and to graze with oxen. *South.*

You will have no notion of delicacies if you *table* with
them; they are all for rank and foul feeding. *Felton.*

To *TABLE*. *v. a.* To make into a catalogue; to set down.

I could have looked on him without admiration, though
the catalogue of his endowments had been *tabled* by his side,
and I to peruse him by items. *Shakespeare's Cymbeline.*

TABLEBEER. *n. f.* [*table* and *beer*.] Beer used at victuals;
small beer.

TABLEBOOK. *n. f.* [*table* and *book*.] A book on which any
thing is graven or written without ink.

What might you think,
If I had play'd the desk or *table-book*. *Shakspeare. Hamlet.*

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